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Senator Eileen Daily, Co-Chair
Representative Patricia Widlitz, Co-Chair

**RE: HB #6388 – An Act Implementing the Governor's Budget Recommendations
Concerning the Office of Policy and Management**

Dear Senator Daly, Representative Widlitz and Other Distinguished Members of the
Finance Committee:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment on this important issue and ill-
advised proposal. My name is Bill Brennan and I am the First Selectman for the Town
of Wilton.

The Governor's proposal to eliminate the Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes program for
Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment (Pilot MME) breaks a promise to
municipalities hosting these properties and forces other property taxpayers to subsidize
a state-mandated tax break for companies owning such property. This is extremely
unfair and a breach of trust.

If this proposal is adopted, \$274,000 of badly needed revenue will be lost by the Town
of Wilton.

On behalf of the taxpayer citizens of Wilton who are threatened with this additional
burden, we respectfully request the Finance Committee to take no further action on this
bill and restore funding for this state-created reimbursement program.

Thank you,

William F. Brennan
First Selectman